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TREES AT COLLEGE GET 'SPRUCED' UP



PHOTO BY ALEX COOKE

Richard Knight, an arborist with Four Seasons Tree Care and Service, helps uproot a spruce tree outside the Doon campus's E-wing Oct. 6. Seventeen trees were moved to other areas of the college in preparation for the building of the new F-wing.

G.R.E.E.N. helps college to a cleaner future

First-of-its-kind recycling program to be unveiled

By DANE BRASON

The environment has become the number 1 priority around the world ever since Al Gore told us his "Inconvenient Truth." North America has since shifted from the once gas-guzzling wasteful continent to an earth-loving, hybrid-car driving, eco-friendly culture.

Everyone is now searching for new ways to be more efficient and less wasteful in order to protect our Earth and its atmosphere. Conestoga College is doing its part by becoming an eco-friendly post-secondary institution.

In 2008 the Greater Recycling/Environmental Education Network (G.R.E.E.N.) was formed to help guide Conestoga into the green future. The committee is part of the college's plan to become leaders and innovators when it comes to post-secondary schools going green.

"It is just good business

practice," said Barry Milner, director of physical resources at Conestoga College. "We want to be good stewards."

Last year the college consumed less hydro, gas and water and emitted less greenhouse gases than the system average. Milner attributes this to simple little things that we would do every day in our own homes.

"This is possible because of the respect from the students. They are doing the simple things like turning off a light when they leave a room and turning off the water in the bathrooms," said Milner.

The college has also added four more bike pads and racks, had its bus routes increased and revamped its parking permit rules to encourage students to carpool in order to decrease its carbon footprint.

During environment week, Oct. 13 to 16, Conestoga Students Inc. has many events planned.

"On the Tuesday we will be

having plant a tree day, and each day there will be an environmentally-themed movie shown in the Sanctuary," said Christopher Graves, general manager of CSI. "We will also be hosting a social marketplace where we match students with locally-based, environmentally-friendly companies."

Also during the week the college plans to unveil its new classroom recycling program. The program will be the first of its kind in any post-secondary institute and it encourages students to recycle.

"The new recycling program will be one of the best the college has ever introduced," said Milner. "It is the students helping us to help the environment."

The school's goal is to reach 60 per cent on their next waste audit. The college is currently at 58 per cent, but with G.R.E.E.N.'s continuing efforts to be eco-friendly and the students' co-operation, the goal should be easily reached.

New parking lot to be built at the expense of green space

By ALEX COOKE

Conestoga College is hoping to build a new parking lot to accommodate the 20 per cent increase in students this year.

The first college council meeting of the school year was held Oct. 5 and council member Kevin Mullan, who is also vice-president of corporate services at Conestoga, unveiled two options for up to 300 more parking spaces at the Doon campus.

The first option for a new lot is behind the recreation centre where the third baseball diamond is now located. This plan would create 259 more parking spaces.

The second and preferred option is to build closer to Conestoga College Boulevard, not threatening any particular playing field, and would add 300 spaces.

"There would be an environmental impact, but any trees that are taken down would be replaced," said Mullan.

College president John Tibbits reluctantly agreed, since so many students who attend Doon campus drive from other cities.

"It is unfortunate, but some green space needs to go," Tibbits said.

Human resources student, Todd Kohut, thinks a new parking lot is just what the campus needs.

"The parking lot is always crowded. A new lot would be awesome," Kohut said.

Parking issues are not exclusive to Conestoga's campus. The Waterloo campus was short this year as well, and wanted to rent parking spaces from a nearby fitness centre. Unfortunately, the fitness centre wanted to rent spaces from the college. The Guelph campus needs more spaces too, and might be able to rent some from a nearby Beaver Lumber.

The decision on where the new parking lot will go will need to be made soon since asphalt companies are finished for the year the first week of November.



PHOTO BY ALEX COOKE

With the increased demand for more parking, Conestoga College officials are considering building a new lot. One option they are looking at is paving over one of the baseball fields.

Now deep thoughts ... with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

What is your favourite Thanksgiving Day memory?



"A potluck at my buddy's place about five years ago. Lots of food and some really unconventional dishes like Jell-O and brownies because no one could cook."

Raymond Fisher,
second-year
police foundations

"Probably at my cottage. We had lots of food, good times and excellent scenery."

Patrick Forler,
second-year
police foundations



"Last year I tried duck for the first time. My dad every year after we eat just lies on the floor. He is out like a light after we eat."

Tyler Norwood,
Second-year
police foundations



"I think it was when both my grandparents were still alive and they came over to my house. We would have a really big feast. My mom makes the greatest marshmallow salad on the planet."

Roxanna Reed,
second-year
marketing



"Driving up to my aunt's farm and having two different butterscotch pies."

Brandon Sies,
second-year
marketing



"Turkey makes me really tired, so eating turkey and falling asleep."

Tanya Demas,
third-year
marketing

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PUMPKINS MARK BEGINNING OF FALL



PHOTO BY MICHELLE SOMMER

This wet year may not have been ideal for pumpkin growth, but farmers still managed to harvest some of the brightest vegetables.

Second sale of passes popular

By NICK DASKO

Conestoga's security department has helped alleviate students' parking woes with a second sale of passes. The school sold out of parking permits unusually early this semester, which lead to a lot of frustration.

Don Willis, director of safety and security services, said the college had approximately "200 to 300 (people) without parking permits." When the school had a second sale of permits, the lineup stretched from the security office, which is located across from the Library Resource Centre, down the hall to the CSI office.

Shannon Carey, a security services representative, said selling temporary passes helped defuse the situation. "Just over 200 passes were sold."



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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: Change

As you begin your new semester at college, you will begin the process of change. Whether you are leaving your parents for the first time or you are parents leaving your children, the transition will feel exciting and perhaps a bit stressful too. Change means an ending, and even if you are welcoming this change, it's natural to resist new ideas and ways of doing things.

William Bridges, who writes about transitions, says four things can help us through that uncomfortable time between the old and the new:

Try to do things that make you feel more in control, like getting the information you need to find your way around.

Understand that this is a transition time and if you feel overwhelmed, it doesn't mean going to school was a bad decision, you are just in transition.

Find support systems in your family, old friends, new friends, your teachers and counsellor.

Keep in mind your purpose in coming to school; focus on this outcome.

Remember you are not alone in this transition time. If you do need more support, talk with a counsellor in Counselling Services at your campus; services are confidential and free.

A Message from Counselling Services, 1A101.

Eager job-seeking students pack Career Fair

By GREG COWAN

It's easy to get lost in a crowd when looking for a job in the current market, and that was mirrored at the Career Fair.

A stifling mob of mostly formally dressed young adults wandered around a maze of booths at RIM Park on Sept. 30. Each employer booth had a few representatives and a vast amount of free office supply swag.

Conestoga College was the only college represented by its students at the fair. These students were shuffling around shoulder to shoulder with their university counterparts who they would be com-

peting with for jobs.

"We hire people who don't have degrees and who are even just self-taught programmers who are just really passionate," said Russel Simmons, the co-founder of yelp which is a tourist review website based out of San Francisco, Calif. "It's not necessarily about the pieces of paper, it is just about loving what they do and being good at what they do."

That was the general consensus among the employers at the Career Fair. Most representatives said the important thing is just how prospective employees present themselves, how well they communicate and how pas-

sionate they seem to be about the career itself.

However, some careers represented at the fair do require a university degree. That was the case with certain designations within the office of the auditor general of Canada.

"Certain designations require a university degree ... it is not our criteria it is the professional organization's criteria," said representative Jeffery Roy.

Most of the employers made it sound like a Conestoga student could feel confident that their diploma wouldn't be tossed aside in favour of a degree, but an unemployed Conestoga grad hasn't had much luck.



PHOTO BY GREG COWAN

RIM Park filled to the brim at the Career Fair on Sept. 30.

"I know I can do the job that people are hiring for, but I respect some employers desire to have a bachelor's degree to show that you've been committed and that you have the credentials," said Greg Brightman, an

accounting student who graduated a little over a year ago. "With college you are focused, and it is designed to give skills. Frustrating? Yes, but there are jobs out there for everyone so don't give up."

Second Career students in limbo

By CHRIS BATT

Conestoga College and several dozen students are waiting for the government of Ontario to make a decision about funding for the popular Second Career program.

On Sept. 28, between 30 and 60 students enrolled in programs at the college were notified that they would not receive funding for their schooling.

These students are now waiting for the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to make a decision. Many have contacted local MPPs, along with receiving advice from the college.

"I have been talking to the ministry about this issue," said John Tibbits, president of Conestoga College. "We have been putting pressure on them through the media."

Second Career is a program run by the Ontario government to pay for the training and education of the unemployed. The program provides up to \$28,000 per person to help with tuition, living expenses, transportation and other necessities.

Currently, Conestoga College has between 600 and 700 students enrolled through the Second Career program. The program is facing challenges meeting demand, as the economic downturn has increased unemployment.

The lack of funding is costing the college money, as classrooms and teachers were allocated to accommodate the new students.

"The irony is that the program works well," said Tibbits. "I wish we could spend time educating these students rather than fighting for them."

Olympic athletes shooting into town

By NICOLE HANNUSCH

Conestoga students should show their Olympic spirit this week, as three of Canada's top female biathlon competitors will be visiting the school on Friday to fundraise for the upcoming 2010 Winter Olympics.

Zina Kocher, Megan Imrie and Rosanna Crawford, three out of the five members of the Canadian biathlon team, will be in the school from 1 to 3 p.m. signing posters, answering questions and raising money for the biathlon team.

"I'm trying to raise awareness of the sport of biathlon," said Mike Powell, event organizer and full-time professor.

Biathlons involve racing on skis and a targeted shooting competition.

To bring some fun and education to the fundraiser, there will be a laser rifle system set up so students can practise shooting against the Olympic athletes without the use of real firearms.

"Firearms have a very negative connotation but don't have to," said Powell. "Canada has a long heritage of hunting and sport shooting."

Powell is hoping that students, especially female students, take something away from the event as well.

"It's important for women to have great women role models," he said. "Women doing something other than 'real housewives' should be on TV."

The three women visiting on Friday are definitely making their mark. For their first major fundraiser this year, these women took it upon

themselves to strip down and pose for a "Bold, Beautiful Biathlon" calendar.

"It wasn't about seeing a calendar full of naked women, it was about strong Canadian athletes and is good for awareness," Powell said.

The calendar is sold out, but, to support the team, donations can still be made through their website.

The athletes will also be at

Boa Nova in downtown Kitchener Thursday night for a fundraising dinner, and at The Gun Centre on Saturday signing autographs and taking photos, as well as selling commemorative merchandise to support the team.

For more information or to make a donation to the Canadian women's biathlon Olympic team, go to <http://bold-beautifulbiathlon.com>.



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No smoking at home

By **HEATHER MUIR**

First there was no smoking in bars and restaurants. Then there was no smoking outside public building doors or smoking in your car if you had children in it. These are all laws that are justified and noble.

According to the Canadian Cancer Society's website (www.cancer.ca), each year more than 1,000 non-smoking Canadians die from second-hand smoke. So non-smokers need protecting.

But is the government going too far when it is considering a ban in people's homes?

The Waterloo Region Record recently reported that Waterloo Region is considering banning smoking in multi-unit dwellings.

Non-smokers in these multi-unit homes are complaining about smoke coming into their homes from the unit next door.

It is a concern, but should everyone in the building be told they can't smoke?

Instead, shouldn't the units be upgraded to prevent smoke wafting throughout the building? Or perhaps there should be smoke-free and smoking floors or buildings.

The good news is that there are some landlords who want to run a smoke-free dwelling for people, and have added it to the lease agreement.

Surveys have been done, and have found that more people would prefer to have part of their housing complex smoke-free. So maybe they don't need a ban after all, maybe they just need to rearrange how they place people in the complex.

Of course, this is easier said than done and, in any case, the municipality is not going to be able to please everyone. Basically they are damned if they do and damned if they don't.

The region needs to find a way to deal with this so that people's right to smoke in their own homes isn't taken away, but at the same time, non-smokers are protected.

Since smoking isn't illegal and the government is making billions from the sale of cigarettes, it is the least they can do.

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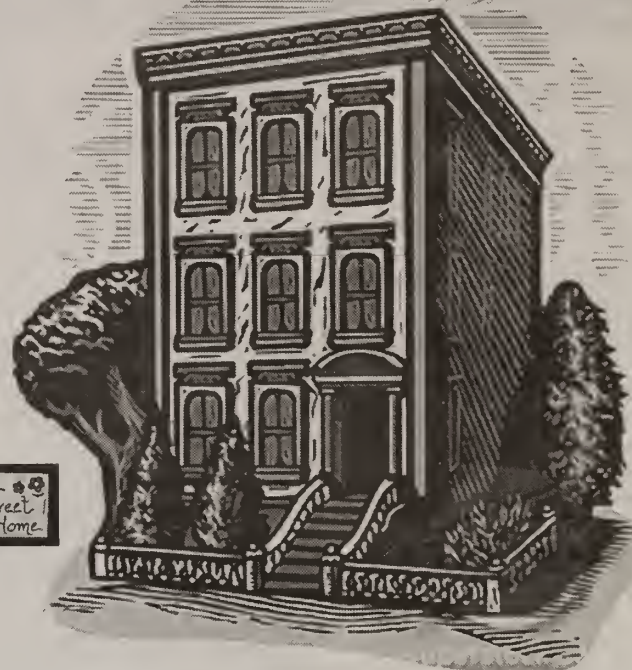
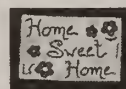
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Crushing Imagination

We've all been there. Back when we were about four or five, or were those weird awkward kids who got into school late and were then six years of age. In class we were given the world's largest tub of thick, gooey paint to smear aimlessly over the page (and sometimes the desk, floors and maybe, if you were fast enough, the walls). This huge mess, that teachers dreaded more than anything, was to promote creativity. It was always our favourite time of the day.

What happened to arts and culture? We were given crayons and markers but then as the years went by we had the creativity crushed out of us.

I was recently at home visiting my mom and brothers for my weekly "sneak into the kitchen and steal as much food as I can" run when I ran into my four-year-old brother. After convincing him to not tell mom that I was stealing the box of cookies he had so aptly claimed for himself, we got to discussing why he wasn't off playing with his toys. His response, "teacher told me no." This comment baffled me. Why would a kindergarten teacher tell a four-year-old to not play with toys?

Don't toys stretch the imagination of children and allow



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them to think outside of the box? Aren't teachers supposed to cater to a thirst for knowledge that toys can provide, not throw mathematics at a four-year-old who still thinks picking his nose in public is acceptable behaviour?

When I read that they were removing funding for arts in Ontario, I was shocked and appalled. How can the arts not be important? I hate to see the government as the jock picking on the drama kid who just wants to sing and dance. Arts and culture are not just enjoyed by the rich, and I am disgusted to know that that is how Prime Minister Stephen Harper feels.

Yes, this is old news. Approximately a year old, but still some people are unaware of what is going on around them. The government is slowly but surely removing funding from the arts, claiming that it's just not needed. People don't have sympathy

for rich artists. What Harper fails to recognize is that most artists are rich and not all children who want to play piano can afford to do so.

I was recently at Nuit Blanche, one of the biggest art festivals in Toronto which pulls in people from all over to take in the cultures, paintings, weirdness and just artistic minds.

I have been in the arts since I was young. I went through high school as the weird arts kid who would rather hide in the backroom painting than play some sport I would probably fail at anyways. I now work with other artists as a photographer. I have seen what the cuts do to already struggling artists. We don't make much. Paying more money to own a studio or hold a show empties our already moth-infested pockets.

The government benefits since artists bring in \$20 billion a year, by paying just to own studios or hold a show.

The twinkle in kids' eyes as they look up at a giant Lite-Brite that artists skillfully put together for a Nuit Blanche night, reminds me that even if the government tries to put us down, we're artists. And we find a way to overcome everything.

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Dressing up isn't just for kids

By FREEMAN CARTER

Remember the good old days? Dressing up with your friends, running around your neighbourhood with a pillowcase on a brisk October night, trying to score as much free candy as you possibly could get your little hands on.

While it may no longer be socially acceptable for you to go door to door asking for treats, that doesn't mean you can't enjoy dressing up.

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That's where Conestoga College graduate and owner of Maskerade Manor, Tom Hilborn, can assist you. For the past 23 years, Tom and his brother Tim have been helping people all over Ontario find that special costume for any kind of party.

“We have everything from horror and fantasy, to comic book heroes and sexy cheerleaders,” Tim happily explains as he shows off his cluttered rooms. “It might just take a little time to find what you want.”

With over 2,500 costumes available for rent, it shouldn't be hard to find something to suit your fancy. For the best selection though, the sooner you start looking, the better.

“The problem in Waterloo Region is Oktoberfest,” Tom says. “Most places don't start advertising for Halloween parties until after Oktoberfest is over. This can lead to a slimmer selection for when customers finally know they need a costume.”

A typical rental ranges anywhere from \$20 for a basic costume, up to \$100 for something more elaborate like Darth Vader or Halo 3's Master Chief. You can usually pick up your costume Friday and drop it off Sunday.

“Of course, we are always willing to make exceptions,” Tom says. “We just rented out a Prince Charming costume to one lucky guy. He's going to the Playboy Halloween party,



PHOTO BY FREEMAN CARTER

Tom Hilborn, proprietor of Maskerade Manor in Cambridge, urges the public to start looking for costumes soon. If you wait until the last minute, popular costumes like Darth Vader will already be rented out.

so I told him to bring us back some photos, and we'll be more lenient with when he

has to return the costume.”

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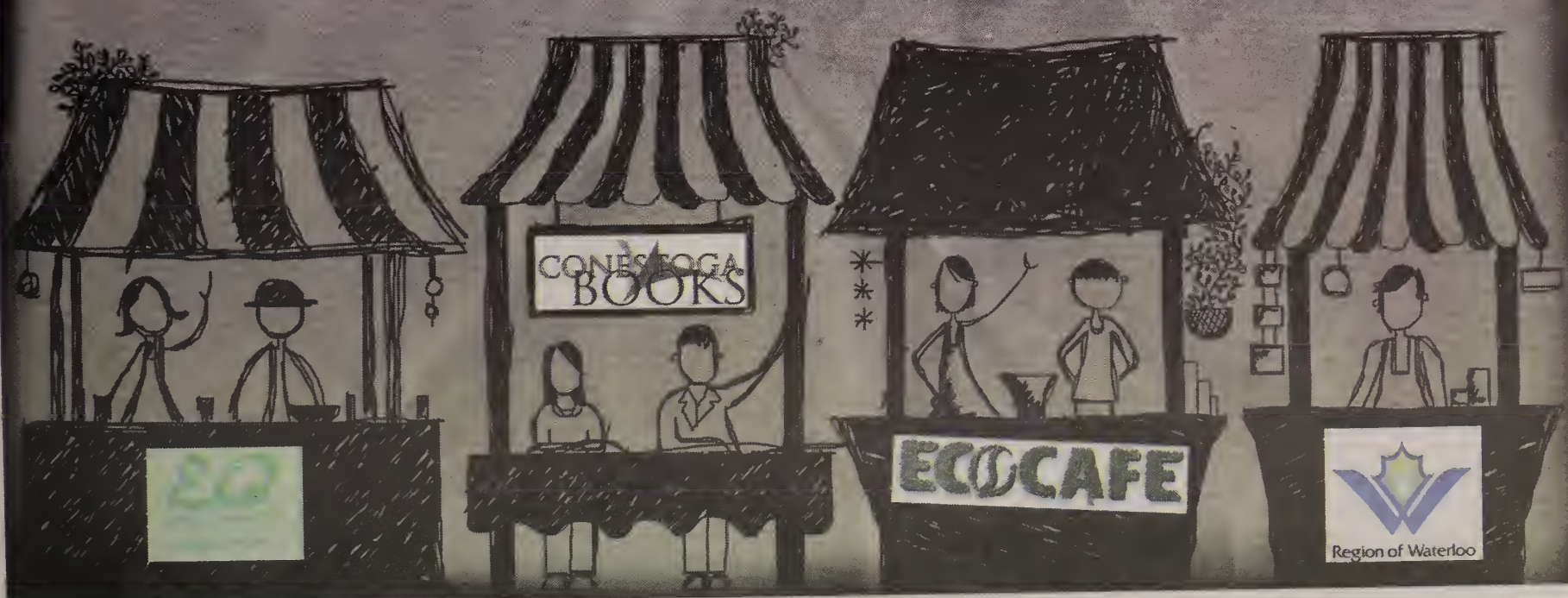
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Shirley Lichti, Sara Cassleman and Joan Tuchinsky spread awareness about violence against women through the Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region.

Assault centre celebrates 20th anniversary with laughter

By ALEX COOKE

Community members and comedy fans alike turned out to support the Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region's 20th anniversary celebration which featured the healing effects of laughter.

The event was held at the Holiday Inn on Fairway Road in Kitchener on Oct. 2.

Tables were elegantly decorated with white lily centrepieces and place settings of purple ribbons and chocolates.

Elvira Kurt, Canada's funniest comedienne, performed for an intimate audience of around 100 people from all walks of life and sexual orientations. Kurt's deadpan comic style had a rapt audience laughing hysterically at her real-life pessimistic hilarity.

A well as being featured on CBC Radio, the Toronto-based comedienne has performed on HBO, Showtime and Just for Laughs and appeared on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

The audience was predominately women, with only a handful of husbands in tow to help support women and children who are victims of sexual violence.

Dave Pollard, of Cambridge, attended with his wife, Valerie, who is also the chairperson of the board of directors for the organization. He said his wife has been involved with the support group for a number of years.

"We're here to support a cause," Dave said.

Shirley Lichti, a volunteer with the centre for nearly two decades, said that it took some time to decide on how to commemorate 20 years of service.

"It's a tough subject (sexual violence) but we wanted to do something uplifting," said Lichti.

Sexual violence affects one out of four women in our society, said Sara Cassleman, community co-ordinations communicator for the support centre, adding it has focused their efforts in a multitude of ways.

Individual and group counselling is offered, as well as a volunteer program that assists victims with stressful court appearances and even accompanies victims on their hospital visits.

Cassleman started volunteering at the support centre in 2002. She had taken women's studies in universi-

ty, and had a passion for women's rights.

"I saw an ad in the paper, and I knew the job was for me," she said.

Marie Morrison, who works for the Region of Waterloo, was excited to attend the function, admitting that, "We're here for Elvira, but it's good to support the girls, too."

On Nov. 5, the seventh annual femfest will be held at the Schwaben Club, at 1668 King St., from 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. Activities include pampering stations and psychic readings. Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. To learn more call 519-571-0121, or visit femfest@sascwr.org.

FILL-A-BUS WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

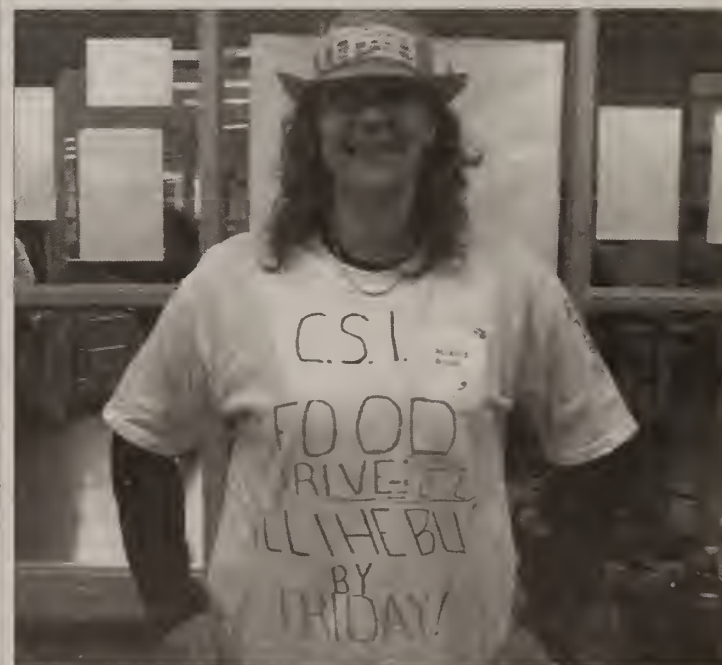


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Conestoga Students Inc.'s Fill-A-Bus campaign ran from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2 and was a huge success. Donations reached a total of nine boxes, or a quarter of a bus. All food donations will go to fill the cupboards of the CSI Food Bank. Above, student Belinda Gott volunteered to be a walking billboard for the event.

GETTING HIS KICKS ON CAMPUS



PHOTO BY SARAH MACINTOSH

First-year student, Conor Hamill, enjoys the beginning of fall weather outside of residence. Unfortunately, there won't be much soccer playing this week because it is supposed to rain right up until Friday.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Conestoga College encourages students to be respectful

By NICOLE FRANK

Conestoga College continues to promote respect as an important virtue.

They do this by encouraging students to show respect to one another and by promoting their Respect Campaign, which urges every student to consider the needs of others, to show respectful behaviour in the school and to know that every student has the right to be treated well.

Ryan Connell, a student life programmer at the college, is also organizing the Respect Campaign this year.

Students come to Conestoga from all over the world to study and Connell believes

that we have to learn to work together and share resources.

"We are a community and we are all in this together," Connell said.

He hopes the campaign goes as well as it did last year. Students involved with the campaign acquired interpersonal, communication and leadership skills.

"Committee members had an overwhelming experience last year," Connell said.

Students who are interested in being a part of the committee for the Respect Campaign can submit an application to Connell. He has received over 20 already. The committee helps organize three main events during the year and they also demonstrate respect

throughout the halls.

Many students appreciate the emphasis on respect at the school.

Hugo Agostinho is a first-year hearing instrument specialist student and he is glad that his peers are respectful.

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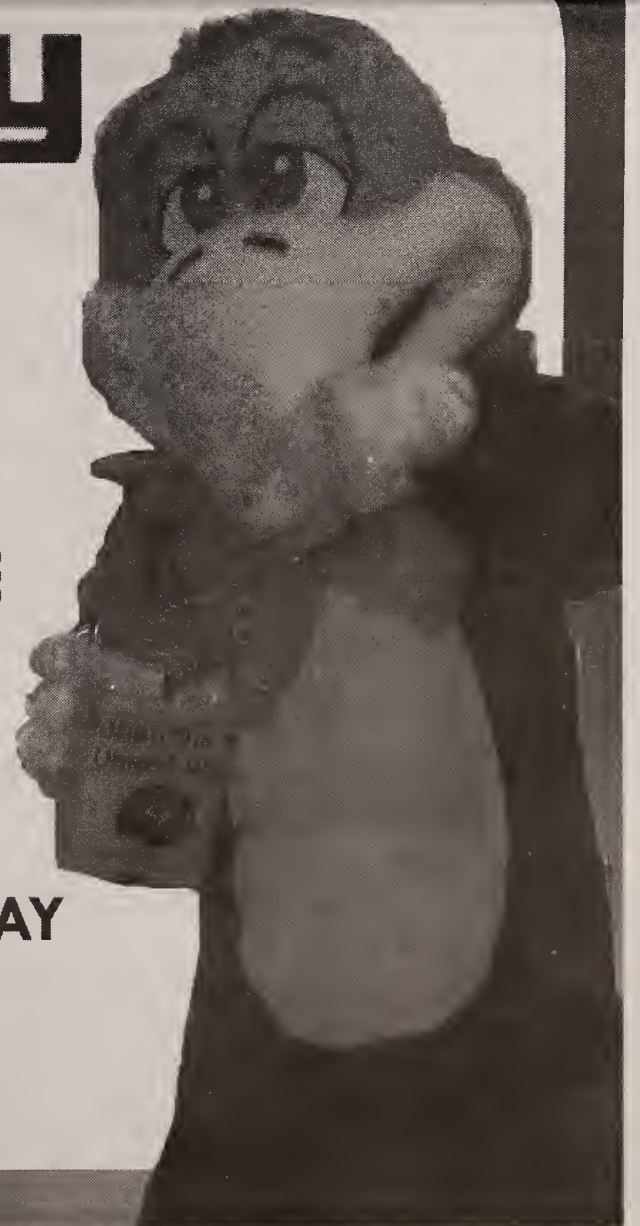
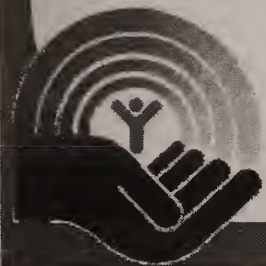
United Way Day!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

11 AM-1 PM ~ STUDENT LIFE CENTRE

HELP US KICK OFF CONESTOGA'S ANNUAL UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UNITED WAY AND HOW THEY SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!





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WHERE: SANCTUARY

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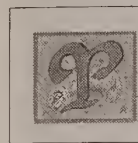
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HOROSCOPE

Week of Oct. 13, 2009

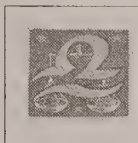




Aries

March 21 - April 19


An airborne vegetable will strike you in the face this week. Goggles would be a good idea as would staying inside during storms.



Libra

September 23 - October 22


This week you will learn the easiest way to tell the difference between an alligator and crocodile. Neither likes Oktoberfest sausages.



Taurus

April 20 - May 20


You will spend Tuesday morning vomiting. It would be wise to invest in some oral hygiene products like mouthwash, dental floss and a portable toothbrush.



Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

You will be nauseated by the horrid stench of Oktoberfest sausages. Prepare to have to avoid piles of vomit all week as people puke.



Gemini

May 21 - June 21


A bicycle will run into you at some point this week while you are on the sidewalk. It is acceptable to yell at an adult, but not a child.



Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

This week you will be bitten by a toy poodle. When you confront the owner, who is a small girl, she will rudely curse at you.



Cancer

June 22 - July 22


While trying to get to campus one day this week, you will spend at least 10 minutes in an uncomfortably small environment.



Capricorn

December 22 - January 19


You will be trapped with several people wearing lederhosen and drindl outfits. They will have terrible gas.



Leo

July 23 - August 22


Beware of paper cuts this week. A man with a pink beard will give you some valuable information about life at some point during the week.



Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

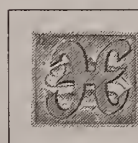
This Wednesday you will change your routine. For some readers this will go well, for others, very badly. Because this is a horoscope I am vague.



Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Carry an umbrella all week. Not just because of the rain. Also because it is a nice accessory to have. It adds a jaunty air to a person's look.



Pisces

February 19 - March 20

This week you will learn that you are very allergic to the feathers that people wear for Oktoberfest.



Nick Dasko is a second-year journalism student holding fate in the palm of his hand.



PHOTO BY NICOLE HANNUSCH

Gene Simmons, 60, still tours in full demon costume. His act also features a battle-axe guitar and a mouthful of special effects blood.

KISSing rock 'n' roll good night

By NICOLE HANNUSCH

Glitzy silver platform shoes and shiny Spandex pants surround me everywhere I look. Men, women and children alike are adorned in heavy makeup and huge wigs, and everyone is excited about the night's affairs.

It sounds like Halloween, but it's actually the KISS Alive at 35 Tour, celebrating 35 years of touring together as a band, which stopped in London, Ont. on Sept. 29.

Thirty-five years of touring together. I want you to think about that for a second. When these men started their first real tour, Nixon was still president, Stephen King had yet to publish a novel under his own name and George Foreman was a heavyweight boxing champion, not a type of grill. Chad Kroeger hadn't even been born yet.

So to see these same men (or some of them, as original members Ace Frehley and Peter Criss have both been replaced over time) jumping around in Spandex unitards and six-inch platforms is somewhat disturbing.

Now, don't take that the wrong way. I'm a pretty big fan of KISS, and seeing them do a live show was something I would never take back. I

just have some minor concerns about seeing posters for a KISS Alive at 45 Tour in the semi-near future, featuring Gene Simmons with an IV and Paul Stanley making thrusting motions at his guitar through a walker.

Despite my concerns for the touring future of KISS, the band still played a rocking show, with all of the explosive pyrotechnics one would expect from a KISS event. All of their classic songs were played and done well, from the well-known anthem Rock and Roll all Nite to the theme song from Detroit Rock City. Stanley started off a little hoarse, but his voice strengthened quickly and maintained power for the rest of the evening.

However, their age is starting to show. Simmons, the bassist and easily the most well-known and recognizable member of KISS, was visibly wrinkled through his makeup to a point that caused one to question whether or not that might be a mask instead of makeup.

Stanley, the guitarist and main singer of the band, kept pulling off jumps in his platform boots that left the audience fearing broken hips if he didn't land right.

Space Ace, currently

played by guitarist Tommy Thayer, managed to hit one of the lighting tracks with a firework. It shot from the end of his guitar into the air and over the stage, sending four lights crashing to the floor.

During drummer Eric Singer's solo, Simmons left his bass lying on a nearby amplifier with the power on, causing a low hum that kept getting increasingly louder throughout the solo until a technician noticed and turned the hum off.

Despite a few technical difficulties and the minor queasy feeling caused by geriatric men in tights, KISS still put on a highly entertaining show. Simmons still played the part of the Demon in style, breathing fire and spewing fake blood from his mouth as if it were still 1974. The band played for well over an hour, with an extensive (although obviously planned) encore.

It looks like KISS isn't planning on going away anytime soon, so hold on to your wheelchairs! KISS Alive at 75 is only a few short decades away, and if this year's tour is any indication, they will still be rock and rolling all night, although probably a little too worn out to be partying every day.



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TO PART-TIME COLLEGE SUPPORT STAFF:

The Ontario Labour Relations Board has called a vote to find out if part-time support staff at Ontario community colleges want to join the Ontario Public Service Employees Union. If you want a better life at work, there's only one thing to do: **VOTE YES!**

This vote is open to all **college support staff** who work **24 hours per week or less**. This includes students who work for a college under the Ontario Work Study Plan and other student aid programs.

Right now, your wages and working conditions are set by the college. You don't have any say in the matter.

By joining with your fellow college workers as part of OPSEU, you'll have a voice. You'll build your power together and start to deal with issues that matter to you:

- **lower pay** than full-timers doing the same work
- **no complaints process** if you are treated unfairly by your boss
- **no rights** when it comes to getting a better job at the college

- **no job security** from semester to semester or from year to year

When you **VOTE YES** to OPSEU, you'll be voting to give yourself a strong, professional voice in the workplace. OPSEU has over 40 years' experience representing full-timers in every college. OPSEU is fully democratic and accountable to you.

Take the next big step to a better life at work...

VOTE YES!

At **Conestoga College**, vote at these times and locations:

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| Oct. 15: | Room 50, 130 Youngs St., Stratford
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. |
| | Room 1D02, 108 University Ave. E., Waterloo
3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 20: | Room 3, Learning Resource Centre,
299 Doon Valley Dr., Kitchener
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. |



The vote is by secret ballot and is supervised by the Labour Relations Board. Neither the union nor your employer will ever know how you voted.



You do not pay union dues until you and your co-workers approve a collective agreement.



ELIGIBLE VOTERS MAY VOTE AT ANY VOTE LOCATION IN ONTARIO. VOTE TIMES AND LOCATIONS MAY CHANGE. TO FIND OUT MORE, VISIT WWW.COLLEGEWORKERS.ORG BEFORE YOU VOTE OR CALL 1-866-811-7274.



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